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Closure decision results in legal action

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

An application has been filed for a judicial review of the decision to close Parliament Oak School, the only school in the Old Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

A panel of justices of the Superior Court is being asked to look at the process by which the District School Board of Niagara decided to close Parliament Oak, including the public consultation meetings, board meetings, and the information relied upon by the board in making its decision.

The purpose of the judicial review is to determine if the process and the board decision were fair.

CARE will be represented by Lionel Tupman, a NOTL native and Parliament Oak graduate, and a member of the law firm of Morse Shannon LLP in Toronto.

Last week, CARE members were looking for support from the community for what is likely to be an expensive process, says CARE member Lyndsay Gazzard. But the response they received in a short time assures them they have the backing of the community and its leadership.

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St. Davids woman opts for flexibility of home dialysis

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Peggy Moody appears comfortably settled on a plush red leather recliner in her downstairs family room, facing a flat-screen TV over the fireplace, an iPad nearby and her cup of morning coffee within reach.

Out of place in the cozy setting is a large machine to her right with three IV bags attached to it, a monitor flashing numbers and two lines with blood running through them into her left arm, which has surgical tape on it hiding the tips of two needles that enter a vein just above her elbow.

She is hooked up to a machine made for home hemodialysis, an artificial kidney that cleans her blood

of waste and excess fluid because her own kidneys function at less than 10%, and she no longer doing their job to keep her alive.

Her husband Kenn puts another about the house, not hovering - he does his own thing - but never out of hearing of an alarm that can sound for many different reasons.

And when it does, he is quick to respond. They discuss what is needed in the way of adjustment and it is done quickly and calmly.

Home dialysis is not for everyone, but it is working well for Peggy.

Last January, the St. Davids resident became one of the Niagara Health System's 360 patients to require this life-saving treatment. From January to April, she received her dialysis at various times at each

of the three dialysis sites in Niagara: the Welland and St. Catharines hospitals and the new renal clinic in Niagara Falls.

But even before Peggy needed dialysis, when she knew it was going to be necessary at some point in the future, she was aware home dialysis would be an option. When the time came and she and her husband were approached by the NHS about preparing for home treatment, it was an option that appealed to them.

It had to be as much Kenn's decision as hers, Peggy says, because she couldn't do it without him, and she felt she was asking him to give up a big block of time - three days a week, about five hours a day.

Kenn says he's a little squeamish when it comes to blood and needles, but

when something difficult has to be done, you sense he's not the kind of guy to shy away. There was a lot to learn about the process, but

most challenging for him was to insert the two needles into Peggy's arm before each treatment, with a little topical freezing to dull the feeling - while one goes in easily, the other often takes several tries, he says.

He also felt a little nervous about assuming responsibility for his wife's well-being.

But he's accustomed to taking control. After retiring from a career in the air force, which included training fighter pilots, it's fair to say Moody is a stickler for detail.

Hanging from the dialysis machine is a check list of several pages to go, not unlike a pilot's check list, and three mornings a week,

he goes through it with Peggy before beginning treatment.

"It's a procedure, and you get more comfortable with it," says Kenn.

"We do it over and over again, we talk about the process and how it went each time, and discuss whether there's anything we can change to make it easier."

He makes the perfect partner for dialysis, says Peggy - he has even taken on the job of cleaning the machine after each treatment, while she sometimes goes for a nap - some days dialysis leaves her feeling tired, other days she feels great.

Peggy and Kenn have developed a routine that works for them, starting with preparations at 8 a.m. that has her hooked up an hour later. When it's done, they have the rest of the day to do

whatever they want.

Although most days they choose to stick to a schedule, one of the benefits of home dialysis is flexibility. She knows she has to spend a certain number of hours on dialysis over a seven-day period, but at home, she can choose those hours.

They were able to go to a family party out of town this summer because they could move up one treatment - at a clinic, she would have had a set appointment and she'd have to be there for it.

And she would have no choice over time of day. When she was going to the Niagara Falls clinic, she and Kenn would have to eat dinner at 4 p.m. and then set off, and it was 9 p.m. before they were home, the evening. And sometimes there were delays at the clinic, with Kenn waiting even longer for her to be finished.

The couple like to travel, and that is still problematic - Peggy is tied to a machine, just at a more comfortable location - but knowing this day would come, they fit in as many trips as they could, right up until last fall, choosing cruises that would take them to several corners of the world.

And they learned that there are cruises where dialysis is offered, through a private company that reserves an area of the ship and can take a certain number of patients, so they've already reserved their places for a trip to Hawaii next spring.

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Patients can call 24-hour hotline with questions

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That's important—it gives them something to look forward, a break in the routine, because for Peggy, there is no option to dialysis. She's 77, and although she feels she's pretty tough, her doctor thinks she's too frail for a kidney transplant. And she has made a personal decision that a transplant is not something she would want.

"Why would I take a kidney that could go to a young person, when I would have a limited number of years to use it?"

The Niagara Health System provides everything for the home dialysis patient—the purchase and delivery of the equipment and supplies, the installation of a water purification system, six week's training on the process and equipment, home visits and a 24-hour hot line to call if there are any questions or problems during dialysis.

NHS Kidney Care Program director Martin Ruau says it's the goal of the program to help patients live as autonomously and independently as they can by helping them take control over management of their disease, and that includes making them feel comfortable with home dialysis.

Patients who devise their own schedule, which can include more frequent treatments for a shorter period of time, spread more evenly throughout the week, do better—it more closely mirrors the natural function of healthy kidneys, he said.

And flexibility is a huge benefit, especially for those who are still working and choose to dialyze in the evening or even over-

night, while they're sleeping, said Ruau.

"We would encourage anybody who wants to do that to talk to us about it, once they're comfortable with the technical process."

Efforts are made to introduce those on home dialysis, or even thinking about home dialysis, to others going through it, to create a support group, he said.

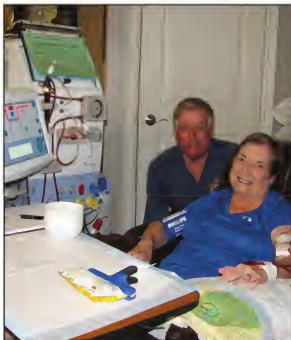
Two and a half years ago, there were just four NHS patients on home hemodialysis, but a priority of the Kidney Care Program is to increase that number, and today there are 14, with another two or three in the training process.

"Our goal is to have 20 patients by the end of the year," says Ruau.

The machines are specifically designed to be user-friendly, and they're not cheap, at about \$20,000-plus, but even given the other costs involved, including staff support, home dialysis is definitely more cost-effective, he said.

And technology keeps improving, focusing on making the process simpler and more efficient and taking into account "a broad awareness that patients do best at home."

"It works for us," says Kenn, "and it can work for others."



Penny Coles Niagara Advance

Kenn and Peggy Moody work together to make Peggy's home dialysis as successful and comfortable as possible, with support from the Niagara Health System's Kidney Care program.



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Parking meter problems fixed after months of complaints

Penny Colas
Niagara Advance

A "crisis" with \$500,000 worth of parking machines that haven't worked properly since their installation in downtown Niagara-on-the-Lake took just days to fix, once it became a priority to those who could fix it.

Two main problems—although there are others—involved rejection of credit cards and of coins, the only two methods to pay at the machines, but both seemed to have been solved.

The issue came at a parking committee meeting of Town and business representatives last week, when, with the long weekend approaching, Chamber of Commerce

executive director Janice Thomson expressed her alarm that more than half the transactions at the parking machines were still not going through, although the problems with the machines had been evident for months.

The machines take credit cards or cash. But in about half the cases of attempted use of a credit card, there were problems with "connectivity," similar to a cell phone unable to get service.

"It was very alarming to hear that 50% of the time there was no connection to the system to verify the credit cards. The cell signal wasn't strong enough. We were getting dozens and dozens of complaints a day."

When credit cards didn't work, visitors would

try coins—loonies and toonies—but the machines were sensitive to older coins, and would only accept new ones that were not even slightly worn or scratched, so Chamber staff would be outside with rolls of new coins, straight from the bank, to hand to visitors using the machines, says Thomson.

The new machines were ordered by the Town partly because the older ones wouldn't except new Canadian coins.

Enforcement supervisor Rolf Wiens said he had been trying to get a resolution from the company that sold the Town the machines for months, but it was a difficult process.

That, and having staff away on holidays, have delayed solving the problem, he said.

Wiens, and Coun. Jim Collard, chair of the Town's parking committee, both told the Advance following the meeting that they too were frustrated and anxious to have the machines working better as soon as possible, and by Friday, Thomson says, there was already an improvement.

SIM (subscriber identity module) cards, small removable cards that are inserted into the back of a mobile device, were installed before the holiday weekend, and they improved the connectivity problem, said Thomson.

She only received five complaints over the weekend.

The machines were also recalibrated to accept older coins, and that too had improved, she said.

And although Thomson is delighted the machines

are working better, she remains frustrated that, until the meeting, solutions that were known and understood were not implemented, leaving many visitors frustrated by parking issues.

"There was no sense of urgency, no sense of responsibility to get this problem fixed," she says.

"But we're pleased that there has been some resolution."

The meter issues pose another problem, and that's how revenue is affected.

Although he doesn't see meter revenue down significantly, what the Town is missing out on is the money from parking tickets, says Wiens.

Because of the problems with meters, the bylaw enforcement officers on Queen St. have been

told to take it easy with tickets - they have only been writing up violations when a car is parking illegally, he said, not when the system shows no time on the meter.

One more problem that wasn't fixed in time for the weekend—signs still indicate the meters are 'pay and display'.

The costly new meters were intended to provide the latest in technology that would offer extra services to visitors, including eliminating the need for a dashboard receipt to be visible, and allowing visitors to pay from another meter or move their car from one spot to another. Payment details are tied to a licence plate number that has been entered in the machine, not the ticket on the dash.

But since that information is not clear when people park, those services have not been helpful—about 200 new signs which will eventually replace the ones that say 'pay and display' haven't been installed yet, says Thomson.

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Ministry found DSBN properly followed its review process, says board

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In addition to members of CARE, MPP Wayne Gates is expected to give evidence at the hearing, as are town planning director John Henriks, who was a member of the board's accommodation review committee, which recommended keeping the school open, NOTL Town Coun. Gary Zalepa Jr., and Regional Chair Gary Burroughs.

The legal action follows a decision from the province not to allow a review of the process that led to the board's decision to close Parliament Oak.

It asks the court to set aside the decision to close the school, but as an alternative, to order the board to hold the accommodation review committee meetings and public consultation meetings in accordance with procedural fairness.

The grounds for the application, as stated, are that community and CARE members were not given an opportunity to meaningfully contribute to discussions regarding the potential closure of the school, and that the decision was based on inaccurate, incomplete and misleading information and data that failed to consider the ARC report, which recommended the school be kept open.

The application also states the senior staff board consultants, trustees and the ARC failed to maintain an appearance of impartiality during the decision-making process.

The senior staff recommendation was released in a report the same day the ARC report was released, the application says, and failed to reasonably consider or address the report.

None of those allegations have been proven in court.

"The decision to close Parliament Oak Public School was made by a majority vote of the District School Board of Niagara's democratically elected board of trustees," said Kim Yielding, DSBN manager of communications.

"The decision was made following an accommodation review process that was

open, fair and transparent. In its decision not to review the ARC, the ministry of education found that the DSBN properly followed its processes. While this (judicial review) is an avenue that members of the public can pursue, unfortunately, litigation of this type, particularly for a school of 108 students, comes at a significant cost to the board and the public, which funds the DSBN through its tax dollars."

Wayne Gates, MPP for

Niagara Falls, NOTL and Fort Erie, spoke out last week against the ministry for turning down CARE's request for a provincial review, which would have been the proper process for looking at the decision that led to the decision to close Parliament Oak, he said.

By refusing to listen to the community and the call for an appeal of the accommodation review process, the ministry was pushing school supporters toward an expensive judicial

review, "when all they want is to keep their school open," Gates said.

Declining enrolment was cited as the reason for closing the aging school, along with the high cost of repairs and maintenance, although CARE data submitted during the accommodation review disputed the board numbers on both issues.

Board spokesman Brett Sweeney says the board has gone through several provincial reviews, but the last time it faced a judicial

review through the court system was over the decision to close Niagara District Secondary School, NOTL's only high school.

Parents had asked for an injunction to prevent the closure of the high school while they waited for the judicial review to be heard, but after losing that and having to pay the board's

court costs, decided continuing the process through the courts would be too costly.

CARE members are already organizing fundraising events to help pay for the legal action, including a garage sale Sept. 20 at St. Mark's Anglican Church — they're looking for donations and for vendor tables.

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our editorial

Why did it take so long to fix meters?

If we don't go downtown in Niagara-on-the-Lake regularly, it's easy to forget how difficult parking can be. The Town has been working on improving the situation for at least a decade, and has made some inroads, but this year's new parking meters seemed to be a giant step backward, to visitors and to those who depend on tourism for their livelihood.

The meters cost the Town \$500,000, and that alone should have been enough of an impetus to solve several problems with the new meters, or demand some kind of recompense from the company that supplied them.

The meters seemed to be fixed now, thankfully. But by the sounds of things, it took some harsh words at last week's parking committee meeting and some jumping up and down (well, not literally) to finally get some

action on what turned out to be simple and quick fixes, after months of visitors being annoyed and frustrated by meters that wouldn't accept their credit cards or their change, the only two options.

Why weren't these actions carried out sooner?

Did somebody drop the ball? Or just not care because it didn't seem important.

Tax revenue of downtown businesses should seem important, as should parking revenue. Even the dreaded parking violation fines, which also annoy visitors, help to pay for some of the infrastructure that supports the Town.

Not everybody in NOTL works, shops or parks on Queen St., but everyone benefits from the revenue its businesses generate.

That's important to remember.

letters to the editor

Brock Park sounds appealing

As a new resident of Niagara-on-the-Lake (St. Davids), I enjoy reading the section of your paper, Letters to the Editor. I have been following with great interest, the recent letters you have published from Roy Roden regarding the Regent St. property. I couldn't agree more with the suggestions put forward by Mr. Roden.

Firstly, what irks me about all of this is that

the property is being sold through a low-commission realty company. Are they really serious about selling this very valuable property? Secondly, as a taxpayer, I would like to have an opportunity to have my say on the disposition of this property, whether it be by public meeting or poll.

I am proud to call this area "home." We are all aware that the town has been named the Prettiest Town in Canada. So, let's keep the town "pretty" by boasting new green space to enjoy.

I frankly believe a park-like setting with

benches, a fountain, grass, flowers and stone walkways would add additional beauty to the town and a wonderful place for visitors and residents to relax.

The town attracts thousands of tourists yearly, let's provide a fresh new park-like setting for all to enjoy.

Wouldn't it be gratifying to put something in print stating, "Next time you visit Niagara-on-the-Lake, be sure to spend time in our new "Brock Park" right in the downtown core.

Sheila Murray

Relaxing event to wrap up summer



The Chateau des Charmes Estate Winery vineyard was the backdrop for the final Earth, Sky and Music Market Monday. Held in conjunction with Gathering Niagara, the market offered a variety of unique vendors, food trucks and music. About 600 people attended.

Jennifer Chornley Special to the Advance

We're looking for warm clothes

Thanks to Supper Market for helping our families



Barbara Ahluwalia
Newark Neighbours

We hope you all enjoyed the last long weekend of summer, which seems to have gone by in a flash. We certainly had wonderful weather.

Many thanks to Amy Bauling of Heritage Dental for the donation of toothpaste, always welcomed by our clients.

The Wednesday Night Supper market will soon be closing. We appreciate the generosity of the vendors for offering a supper

to one of our families each week. We know they thoroughly enjoyed an evening out to socialize and have a lovely meal.

Thank you for all the contributions received throughout the summer. We will now be looking for warmer clothing, hoodies and boots, etc.

Our regular hours at our John St. barn are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. or call 905-468-3519.

Trees need watering during this dry season

Time to think about what worked and what didn't, for next year's garden - where does the time go?

Has your garden been wonderful this year?

Many plants have been exceptional even though it has been fairly dry, but keep watering them and they should be fine.

Which brings me to the trees, which are sending out calls for help, such as dry leaves falling though



Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

they are green.

A sprinkler just does not do it for a tree. So what to do? The drip-line (the area at the end of the

branches) is the area to where the roots extend under ground so you have to soak this whole area. Build a little wall of mud (like you used to build sand castles at the beach - great fun) all round the tree, lay your hose inside this, and let the water run gently, moving it over about every half-hour, until you have soaked the whole area.

Keep in mind that we have an extremely thick leaf cover this year so even if it rains the tree roots are not getting the soaking they need.

Try watering by hand - I mean hold the hose in

your hand and wander round the beds and borders, dead-head and weed as you go. It can be very therapeutic and I would bet it lowers the blood pressure.

Now is a good time to take note of what worked really well in your garden this year, because come next spring when you face a whole batch of new plants, it is good to remember the 'tried and true.'

Of course the next phase is getting ready for planting the bulbs so we will have a wonderful show next spring.

Happy gardening.



Jean Cochrane says don't forget to water trees in your garden at this time of year. Their roots will be dry.

Bring on the off-winery shops and let market do its work

The relationship between the provincial government and Ontario's alcohol industry has always struck me as existing on the stranger side of dysfunctional.

I'm talking about taxes or age limits or the like. I mean the hows and whys of we buy and sell it. Specifically in the Niagara context, how we buy and sell wine.

I'm a tad too young to remember the old, total nanny-state days of Ontario, although I have listened with bemusement when St. Catharines MPP Jim Bradley talks about it. Those were the days when the liquor store was a sterile place with no alcohol on display. You handed a ticket to a clerk, who went back into some kind of booze vault to retrieve your order. Then it was handed to you, carefully packaged in brown bags to avoid any innocent eyes from spying a bottle of wine.

We've come a long way.

Some LCBO stores are



Grant LaFleche
QMI Agency Niagara

food and wine playgrounds with featured wines, special Ontario wine boutiques and advertising, cooking lessons and wine Jacuzzis and unicorns. OK, so I made the last bits up, but the LCBO does a pretty good job promoting the wine and food culture, particularly compared to how things used to be.

The numbers are impressive. According to LCBO stats, Ontario wine sales for 2013-2014 at LCBO were \$396 million, some 4.1% greater than

the year before.

To put this into a broader context, when VQA wines first went on sale at LCBO stores in 1991 they generated \$5 million in sales. That figure is now \$123 million.

Those are monster numbers. It's hard to argue the LCBO doesn't do enough.

Now it's true, most Ontario wines are not on any given month featured by the LCBO. But there are physical limits to what the LCBO can do and, let us not forget those stores are there to ultimately serve the consumers, not the wineries.

Still, there are wineries and wine corporations that want the LCBO to do more for them: Dedicate more shelf space to Ontario wine, feature them in more promotions and hand out wine lollipops.

I made the last bit up again, but the point is there are some wineries that see the LCBO as the cure-all to expanding their market reach.

Fortunately, there are lots of wineries that want to take their fate into their own hands rather than asking the government to do the job for them. The Wine Council of Ontario has been pushing for off-winery shops that would sell both local and imported wine as a way to reach a broader market.

It's a simple, common sense calculation. Sell more wine, make more money, expand their business and hire more people.

I'll go so far as to say there are few reasons to oppose the wine council's idea. Currently, the vast majority of off-winery stores are owned by the country's large winemakers - Constellation Brands and Andrew Peller Ltd.

That's because after the North American Free Trade Agreement came into effect, Ontario put a moratorium on new stores, grandfathered in the Constellation and Peller outlets and limited

everyone else to selling in the LCBO.

Because of NAFTA, off-winery shops would have to sell imported wines and the wine council is basically saying, "OK, fine. Let's have it." They are less concerned with competing with imported wine than they are in having the change to get more of their product into the hands of Ontario consumers.

Frankly, they deserve that chance to succeed or fail on their own merit, without the government getting in the way with overbearing regulations. Not everyone agrees. The plan floated by Patrick Gedge of the Winery and Grower Alliance - which represents Constellation and Peller, who have all the off-winery shops, remember - is to not open the market up.

Instead, he says, let's convert people who drink imported wine to Ontario wines and in time, the LCBO will have to feature more Ontario because of

sheer market demand.

OK, sure. I suppose in time that might be a thing. Eventually.

Gedge is talking about changing consumer habits over time and while that happens - assuming it happens to a significant degree - smaller wineries are still frozen out of the larger market his alliance members profit from.

The fact is, if I was selling shoes I would not face outdated regulations about whether I can open a shoe store. I would open my store and it either makes it or it doesn't. But that's up to me and the market. Not the government.

Given the already massive importance of the wine industry to Niagara, and the potential to grow that industry and boost an otherwise anemic economy, it just doesn't make sense to limit who can have off-winery shops.

Let the hard work and the market decide.

Softball team to celebrate anniversary of big win

Boys had community support that summer of '74

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

It's been 40 years since 15 boys from Niagara-on-the-Lake won the game of their lives.

They were softball players, 10 and 11 years old, members of a local all-star squirt team sponsored by Avondale Dairy. And they were pretty hard to beat that summer of '74, says second baseman Jonathan Fast.

Their keys, the way they came together and

gelled as a team, took them all the way to the provincial championships, and a best of three series against an equally good team from Lindsay, recalls Fast.

As the men approach the anniversary of the series, they plan to celebrate their 1-0 win, Sept. 21, exactly 40 years to the day after that third and final game.

Fast says it's hard to believe that many years have past since the boys played together as what he has labeled "the team of destiny. Were we to have lost to Lindsay in that final game, life would have been different."

The only run of the game came in the bottom of the seventh inning, as

reported in the Niagara Advance, when Gary Cullen had a base hit to first. Niagara replaced Cullen with a substitute runner, Jeff MacIntosh, who made the winning run on a two-base hit by Paul Debon. Willie Drope was the winning pitcher, giving up only three hits in the game.

Niagara-on-the-Lake was a baseball town in that era, says Fast.

There was a full range of house league divisions, as well as all-star teams. Kids played ball at diamonds in Memorial Park and in Virgil, and it wasn't only the parents who came out to watch the games—the stands were full of community supporters, and there were always

next-day coffee shop discussions about who won, along with game plays.

When the boys got home from Lindsay after their championship win, they were paraded around town in a fire truck, and there was a crowd waiting for them at Memorial Park for trophy presentations, says Fast.

It was a hard-fought series—a 3-1 loss in Lindsay the first game, followed by a home game they won 7-4. In that contest, Fast had two triples, Cullen added two singles and Calvin Read and Bob MacGregor both doubled.

Read, said Fast, is the only one of the 15 who will be missing from the celebration. He died of cancer at the age of 17.

"He was the best, a great guy and a great player. He will be remembered at the celebration," says Fast.

The boys were like brothers that summer, he says. The families got together, there were barbecues to help solidify the team, life was simple—it was a great summer, he recalls.

Most of them continued to play in following years, and although they came close, they never made it to the provincials again.

At the anniversary celebration, to be held at the community centre, there will be time to relive the moments from that special year, and each player will have a chance to share

some special memories, says Fast, who is organizing the event with Debon and Ken Semenach. He hopes to have families of team members and community supporters attend as well as players.

He also hopes that before the event, someone will find the score book from that year, and also a video of the final game. The players remember watching it at the celebration at the Pillar and Post about a month after the win, but he hasn't found anyone who recalls who did the filming.

If anyone knows where those two items can be found, or for information about the community centre celebration call Fast at 905-650-4561.



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For full requirements and position details, please visit www.notl.org (Employment Opportunities). Resumes and supporting documentation will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 12, 2014 to hr@notl.org.

We thank all applicants for their interest however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



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Jonathan Fast stands in the same spot he stood 40 years ago at the Virgil ball diamond where a photo of the winning squirt all-star team was taken in 1974. An anniversary event will be held at the community centre Sept. 21 for team members, their families and community supporters. The players were (left, bottom) Will Drope, Paul Debon, Kevin Smith, Mark Counsell, (middle) Craig Fowler, Jeff MacIntosh, Calvin Read, Steve Gilbert, (top) Jonathan Fast, Jamie Wiebe, Bob MacGregor, Gary Cullen and Ken Semenach. The coaches were Richard Lipka and Bob Caldwell.

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O'Connor running for council

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Sandra O'Connor has returned to Niagara after retiring from a government career in Ottawa, and wants to put her passion for the town to work with a seat on council.

"NOTL is a wonderful, special place to live and I would like to ensure that what makes NOTL special is maintained and enhanced," she says.

The social and cultural values that have evolved through time are the

heart of the community—a community spirit, a sense of belonging, social responsibility, and an appreciation of heritage and culture."

A healthy neighbourhood means not only community spirit, but good infrastructure, a diversity of housing, safety and social responsibility, she says.

Preservation of the community as a great place to live has to be balanced with economic opportunities, says O'Connor.

While offering voters a commitment to integrity and honesty, she promises she will do everything she can to keep NOTL

"livable, family-friendly and viable. I want people to continue to live and move here for the quality of life."

The dock area, a vision for the town, its official plan and health care issues "are all important to me."

A strong official plan is essential, she said, to help reduce conflict during future development discussions.

She supports the push to review the way the region charging

for police services, and thinks the town should be cautious when it comes to wind energy - she's concerned about health problems.

When citizens have issues, they need to be brought forward at council and given attention—that doesn't always happen, she says.

"I believe in a government that is accountable and transparent. I want to carry your voice and your issues, to the town council."

She would like to see a volunteer data base created to deal with future issues, she says.

"People who live in town come here with unique experiences. We could do a better job of capitalizing on that."

She is also concerned that although the town has an emergency preparedness plan, it's not well-known or well-communicated.

"We have a plan, so we should do a better job of telling people what it is."

She has extensive experience in community involvement, and is currently a director of her condominium association board and a member of the Town's parking committee.

Other candidates to throw their hat into the ring for the Oct. 27 election are Pat Darte and Dave Eke for lord mayor, and Bill Auchterlonie, Maria Bau-Coote, Bill Cowie, Dennis Dick, Don MacDougall, Martin Mazza, Paolo Miele, Kenn Moody and Gary Zalepa Jr. for council. Gary Burroughs has registered to run for regional councillor representing NOTL.



Sandra O'Connor hopes to win a seat on council in the Oct. 27 municipal election.

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Learn about concussions at InfoHealth

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

When we think about the impact of concussions, we are most likely to be reminded of the many athletes who have suffered brain injury while participating in sports.

And with a growing understanding of what can happen to young people in school sports, it's important to understand head injury and symptoms of concussions, says Dr. Bill Brown, organizer of the monthly InfoHealth

sessions at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library.

But many people, especially the elderly who are susceptible to falls, can suffer a concussion without realizing it, because at the time, the head injury can seem minor, he says. It can be days before the symptoms become evident and treatment is sought, and by then, the bump on the head that caused them may have been forgotten, and the patient diagnosed with dementia.

Each year, an estimated

150,000 Canadians are injured with concussions, the majority of which occur in young people, says medical student Clara Sellers, who will be one of the speakers at the InfoHealth session.

"With this presentation, we aim to raise awareness about recognizing and dealing with concussions, and to answer common questions you might have, including: What is a concussion and what can you do if you suspect you or someone you know might have one?"

The presentation will also look into the roles doctors, teachers, parents, and patients have in dealing with and treating concussions, and what can be done to prevent them.

Dr. Kathleen Swayze will be leading the session, with Lenny Ferraro, a certified athletic therapist, Laurel Charlesworth, also a medical student, and Sellers.

Learn about recognizing the symptoms of concussion at the next InfoHealth session at the library, Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 2 p.m.

Cadets want your bottles

The local air cadets will be knocking on doors Saturday, looking for donations of empty liquor, wine, and beer bottles.

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Memorial service tradition continues

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Niagara-on-the-Lake will continue to hold a memorial service to remember those who died and their families who were left behind when terrorists attacked the U.S. Sept. 11, 2001.

Janice Thomson, executive director of the NOTL Chamber of Commerce, organizes the ceremony at the Queen St. Cenotaph each year.

It begins at 8:35 a.m., with the laying of wreaths, lowering of the U.S. and Canadian flags, two minutes of silence and comments from local dignitaries.

On Sept. 11, 2001, many tourists from the U.S. were visiting Niagara-on-the-Lake, says Thomson.

The Chamber of Commerce continues to mark the anniversary of 9/11 because it was an event that impacted the entire world, she says.

"The American visitors who were in Niagara-on-the-Lake

on that day shared their personal concern for family and friends with the staff at the Chamber, various businesses and B&Bs. It is something that affected all of us and taking a few moments to honour those who lost their lives is a small but meaningful effort.

Thanks to Thomson, NOTL is one of the few places that still officially remembers those who died with an annual memorial service held at the cenotaph.

Some American visitors continue to come back to NOTL each September, to the town they consider a "safe haven," Thomson says, and there always grateful visitors on the street who join the service, touched that the town still remembers.

Local dignitaries and emergency services personnel flank the Queen St. cenotaph each year at a service to recognize those who died in terrorist attacks on the U.S. Sept. 11, 2001.

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The festivities begin at 4 p.m. on the patio of the Queenston Heights Restaurant, next to Brock's Monument. NPC's world-renowned chefs have created menu featuring Niagara's seasonal harvest, which will be showcased at six spe-

cific dining stations.

Other popular tasting stations will include samples from Inniskillin, Jackson-Triggs, Peller Estates and Labatt.

Tickets to mingle and savour the delicious menu selections while enjoying live outdoor musical entertainment are \$40 for adults and \$20 for children 12 and under (taxes and gratuity included).

A cash bar is available.

To reserve your space, please call 905-262-4374. The menu, as well as further details on the event can be found online at www.niagaraparks.com.

Special draws are planned throughout the afternoon with prize packages of Sunday Brunch at Queenston Heights Restaurant, Niagara Parks Attractions Passes and several more surprises, for all those who attend, the NPC promises.



Niagara Parks Commission chefs will be preparing dishes from fresh harvest ingredients at the annual Harvest Barbecue at Queenston Heights Sunday.

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Author to talk about reality of 'home children'

➤ Young immigrants suffered physical abuse, often treated as servants

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Many in Niagara-on-the-Lake have heard the story about home children, and the orphanage in town that was run by Maria Rye in the late 1800s and into the 20th century.

That's where Rye St. got its name. But less well-known is that of all the homes in several different countries which received young British immigrants, Rye's Our Western Home, which saw about 14,000 children pass through it, had one of the worst reputations of all the organizations which received home children.

Sean Arthur Joyce will be talking about what he calls "the biggest open secret in Canadian history" at the Niagara Historical Museum Sept. 10 at 3 p.m.

Between 1869 and 1948, 100,000 children from poor neighborhoods in Britain were emigrated without parental support (or consent in some cases) to work as indentured servants to Canada, he says.

A further 30,000 plus were emigrated to British Colonies—mainly Australia and New Zealand.

In his research for his recent book, the journalist discovered Rye's home in NOTL had a reputation for physical punishment and abuse of the children in her care.

She was given the building, which was the former jail, and was well-paid for each child sent to the home, says Joyce.

But her home won't be the focus of his talk in NOTL, he said.

"I don't want to harp on that - I don't want to be negative."

The practise of sending young children to Canada from extreme poverty began, like many similar situations, with good intentions from some form of altruism, he said.

Most of the philanthropists who supported this effort had the best of intentions, wanting to save British youngsters and offer them a healthier way of life, free from the danger of cholera, says Joyce.

But it grew out of control, and in some cases, children were sent without parental consent.



Sean Arthur Joyce will talk about home children at the Niagara Historical Museum Wednesday.

Photo submitted

Joyce's interest in home children stemmed from learning seven years ago, while researching his family tree, that his paternal grandfather came to Canada with three other boys and a chaperone, but no parents. After consulting a local genealogist he was introduced to the term Home Children. It didn't mean anything to him at the time, but being a journalist, his curiosity was sparked and he decided to investigate.

"The wider story interested me because I realized if this happened in my family, it must have happened in many other Canadian families," he says. An estimated four million people can trace their roots to Home Children—approximately one in eight Canadians, he says.

Canada's most beloved literary icon, Anne of Green Gables, is based on this historical phenomenon, says Joyce.

The practice persisted well into the 20th century, aided by dozens of immigration agencies, many of questionable repute.

Though some of the children did well, many were exploited and abused, their new lives hardly an improvement on the ones they left behind. A few Canadian families adopted the children, but most were wanted strictly for their labour, says Joyce.

His book, Laying the Children's Ghosts to Rest, explores the lesser-known part of the story—what happened to some of these children and the impact of this experience on subsequent generations of Canadians.

For more information contact the Niagara Historical Museum at 905-468-3912.

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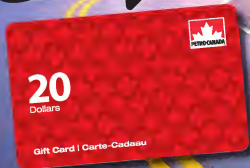
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Guiding offers crafts and confidence to girls five and up

Some girls like to achieve, some enjoy games and socializing - all have fun, says organizer Shirley Olley

Penny Colles
Niagara Advance

The Girl Guide organization in Niagara-on-the-Lake has four healthy

groups starting up next week, but can always use more girls.

Organizer Shirley Olley was especially grateful to see the return of a Pathfinders group last year for older girls - they don't have to have been guides, she says.

It's a small group, and she'd like to see it grow.

Olley, who has worked within the Girl Guide organization for 55 years, says it's a great opportunity for girls of all ages.

Some, she says, are

driven by the need to achieve and to collect badges. They tend to be excellent students who are good at working independently, and those who are going onto Pathfinders after moving through Sparks, Brownies and Guides fall into that category.

But other girls enjoy the games, crafts and socializing, and aren't interested in working toward badges, and it's still a good learning experience for them, she says.

"There's something for everyone. Guiding teaches leadership skills, working with others, and it helps build self-esteem," says Olley.

There are some great leaders waiting for the girls to start in September, and that's one of the reasons the local groups have been so successful, she says - the girls really like their leaders and look to them as mentors.

Pathfinders is for girls ages 12 to 14. Girls in the group get to discuss what

they'd like to accomplish as Pathfinders and help shape their own program, says Olley.

A registration, information and games night for all groups is being held Monday, Sept. 8, at the Kinsmen Scout Hall at 6 p.m., as an opportunity to meet the leaders and girls. Regular meetings begin Sept. 15.

Sparks, for girls ages five and six, meet at Grace United Church from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays.

Brownies meet at the

Kinsmen Scout Hall from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

Guides and Pathfinders will meet at the Scout Hall Mondays from 5 to 7 p.m.

To volunteer or for more information about Sparks, call 905-468-1348.

For information about Brownies, for girls aged seven and eight, call 905-324-1399, and for girls aged nine to 14 interested in Guides call 289-968-7946 or Pathfinders call 905-964-0041.

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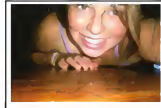
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SHARPE, Margaret Amelle (nee Russell) - Passed away peacefully on August 28, 2014 at Upper Canada Lodge, where she enjoyed wonderful care in the presence of her family. Margaret was predeceased by her husband Wilfred (1986), son Peter (1999), daughters Mary and Margaret (1956) and son-in-law Bill Read (2008). Margaret was also predeceased by her brothers Herbert Russell, and twin brother Morris (Bill) Russell. Margaret will be remembered by her daughters-in-law Nicole Sharkey, son Paul (Judy), Jim (Janice), Michael (Ruth-Ann) and daughter Cathy Read. Margaret will be missed by her 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Margaret was a dedicated business woman holding many management roles, as well as owning her own business. However, it was her position with the Ministry of Tourism that sparked a desire for travel across the world. Her adventurous spirit took her to all corners of the earth. She finally settled on Vancouver Island where she enjoyed her retirement until returning to Niagara-on-the-Lake in 2008. Thank you to all the staff at Upper Canada Lodge for the wonderful care. A special thank you to Thelma, Joanne, Magda and Jay. The attention and love that she showed Margaret offered her great comfort in her difficult struggle with dementia. Cremation has taken place and a celebration of Margaret's life will take place at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Niagara-on-the-Lake on Friday, September 12th at 11:00 am. Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be sent to The Wolfram Family Cancer Center. Memories, photos and condolences may be shared at: www.morganfuneral.com

PROTULIPAC, Donna
 Donna (LITTLE) Mauger Protulipac of Niagara-on-the-Lake, formerly of the City of Toronto, NY, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 in her 78th year. Donna was born and raised in Grassiat, PA. She will be forever missed by her loving husband George. Beloved mother of David (Cindy) Mauger, Daniel Mauger, Diane (James) Russer and Dani (Jeffrey) Kndron. Stepsiblings Kim (Ron) Baergen. Grandchildren William, Joseph, James, Evan, Noah, Britt, Lindsay and Danielle. Step grandchildren Zachary, Joshua and Alexandra. Donna is also survived by several siblings. The family wishes to thank Heritage Place for all their love and care. Cremation has taken place with a private family service to be held at a later date.



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